

Minutes of the Executive Committee
Monday, June 5, 2006

Chair Dwyer called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. and led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: County Board Supervisors Jim Dwyer (Chair), Jim Behrend, Ken Herro, Duane Paulson, Bill Mitchell, Bonnie Morris. Herro arrived at 8:45 a.m. **Absent:** Pat Haukohl

Also Present: Buildings Operations Manager Mark Keckeisen, Hwy Operations Manager Steve Geiss, Building Operations Supervisor Jim Elsbury, Hazardous Materials Coordinator Leslie Williams, WCFLS Executive Director Tom Hennen, Community Development Coordinator Glen Lewinski, Chief of Staff Lee Esler, Legislative Policy Advisor Dave Krahn, Office Services Coordinator Windy Jicha, Intern Chad Gulke, Senior Financial Analyst Clara Daniels.

Correspondence

Dwyer distributed and reviewed the list of correspondence. He said Supervisors should request copies of listed items from Jicha.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 161-O-015: Modify Capital Project 200610

Bolte said this ordinance approves completion of work in 2006 at the North Prairie Substation instead of 2007 as scheduled to more quickly deal with salt-contaminated groundwater issues. The county plans to address repairs and upgrades to salt-contaminated storm water/wash water runoff collection systems at the North Prairie Substation as well as the other substations in the county.

Herro arrived at 8:45 a.m.

Paulson said it appears that the actual work will be done in 2006 and the engineering in 2007. How is that possible? Bolte said both the engineering and construction will be completed at the North Prairie location in 2006 while engineering and construction at the other substations will be completed in 2007. When this capital project was set up last year, we thought North Prairie understood the county's timetable. Earlier this year, North Prairie notified the county indicating they wanted the project completed sooner than 2007.

Esler asked did we use a consultant for the engineering and if so, what did they do? Williams said a civil engineer will be contracted for the job because the site needs electrical work, a high level alarm, resurveying and regrading.

MOTION: Behrend moved, Morris second, to approve Ordinance 161-O-015. Motion carried 6-0.

Approve Minutes of May 15, 2006

MOTION: Mitchell moved, Behrend second, to approve the Executive Committee minutes of May 15, 2006 as amended. Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting Approvals

MOTION: Morris moved, Behrend second, to approve attendance of the Executive Committee at the NACo Conference in Chicago. Motion carried 6-0.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 161-O-014: Act 150 Library Plan Ordinance 2006

Hennen gave the committee an overview of the 2007 – 2011 Act 150 Plan. The Act 150 committee recommended that in the future the committee meet every five years instead of the current three-year

schedule. Hennen reviewed the following key issues from the report: organizational type, funding formula, standards, capital costs, library building moratorium and local autonomy. The report recommends the county board chairman reconvene the Act 150 Committee after the conclusion of the Library Options Study to further consider recommendations outlined in that study.

Hennen said Senate Bill 272 was recently approved and addresses crossover borrowing and inter-county use issues. SB 272 also increases representation of non-library communities to library boards. The report recommends freezing standards, which must be met by member libraries to maintain exemption from the Federated Library tax levy at 90% of the state basic standard. The capital costs issue is a tax shift not a tax increase. Communities with libraries will pay less while non-library communities will pay more.

Paulson said when the ordinance is discussed on the board floor supervisors representing non-library communities will say their communities do not want to pay capital costs for libraries in other communities.

MOTION: Herro moved, Mitchell second, to approve Ordinance 160-O-014.

Esler said that line 28 of the ordinance should be amended to read, "WHEREAS Waukesha County Code Section 11-6 requires...."

Esler said the WHEREAS statement starting at line 37 says "WHEREAS the current tax caps are scheduled to lapse after tax levies are set for 2008 budgets but are widely expected to be replaced by the same or a similar tax cap or freeze." The tax levy cap will expire in 2007 under state statutes so it should read 2007 instead of 2008. Also, the last ordained paragraph should be eliminated because the Federated Library System doesn't determine when the tax cap is no longer applicable. The only reason we would need the last ordained paragraph is if the state legislature reenacts a tax cap.

Hennen said that option is in there in case another tax cap is implemented. We want the freeze to last as long as the caps last. Esler said the last ordained paragraph can remain but it will be meaningless if the cap is removed in 2007.

Esler said line 41 of the ordinance needs to be amended to reflect the actual title of the report, which is "Waukesha County Library Services Plan 2007-2011."

MOTION: Paulson moved, Behrend second, to amend line 28 of the ordinance to read, "WHEREAS Waukesha County Code Section 11-6 requires...." Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION: Behrend moved, Paulson second, to amend line 41 to accurately reflect the title of the report as "Waukesha County Library Services Plan 2007-2011." Motion carried 6-0.

Esler said the current county executive might object to not being able to move an advancement of the standards with a freeze. Why freeze the standards? Why not move to achieve the standards by doing more with less? Esler asked why did they use 2000 standards rather than the 2005 standards? Why are you reverting to older standards and abandoning the 2005 ones? Hennen said we aren't reverting to old standards but rather not moving forward to the 2005 ones.

Behrend asked are we reinstituting capital costs? Hennen said it is not an automatic. A separate ordinance is needed to institute the capital costs.

On the original motion: motion carried 6-0.

Update on the Library Governance Options Study

Hennen said the Waukesha County Cooperation Council is in charge of the study with Paul Kanter as chair of the subcommittee. The consultants are expected to release their recommendations in August. Once the report comes back, the WCFLS board will ask the Act 150 committee to reconvene and finish their report. If there are changes, the library communities will have to agree to them.

Mitchell asked if Hennen is concerned about the end product of the study? Hennen said he will have concerns until he sees the end product. He has seen the revised second report and finds it acceptable.

Overview of CDBG Programs and Objectives

Lewinski distributed and reviewed a handout outlining the proposed CDBG Reform Act of 2006 that included a formula to be used to determine 2007 grant amounts. The bill proposed by HUD consists of four reforms to the program: the adoption of a new formula with a minimum allocation threshold; statutory language to enforce the performance measurement system now being implemented; bonus funding for grantees that have successful comprehensive neighborhood revitalization programs; and the elimination of the Brownfield's Economic Development Initiative, the Rural Housing and Economic Development Program and Section 108 Loan Guarantee Assistance Program. The HUD administration has said this formula modification is about fairness. They believe that the introduction of a minimum allocation threshold requirement would foster a more regional approach to CDBG programs. According to the FY 2006 appropriation, the .014% threshold requirement would be equivalent to \$518,000. There are currently 312 entitlements that receive less than this amount and 134 of these are in urban county areas that could receive the left over funds. Some urban counties would be eliminated such as Multnomah County, Oregon, if CDBG were to be cut by \$1 billion in FY 2007 as proposed.

Lewinski said Waukesha County stands to have their grant reduced by \$602,030. His office just received applications, which will be evaluated in June. After the review, money may not be allocated until it is known how much the county will receive in 2007. Sixty-one agencies receive grants from his office and he would hate to revisit all of them if the allocations are reduced.

Dwyer said Waukesha County is in competition with Philadelphia and Chicago for money. The money will go to real poverty. Lewinski said if poverty is the criteria used, we will lose. We're going to lose money one way or the other.

Dwyer asked will the City of Waukesha want to go on their own to get funds? Lewinski said based on statistics, the City of Waukesha wouldn't get any money either way. They would have to apply to the state for grant funds competing against Milwaukee, Racine and Dane Counties.

Dwyer asked when will you get definite answers? Lewinski said there isn't a sponsor for the bill yet because legislators are worried about communities losing money during an election year. There's a lot of political pressure. We will review the applications and put them on hold until we know how much money we will get. He is not sure how to work his 2007 administrative budget.

Dwyer asked how the office is doing at closing out projects? Lewinski said there are two projects open for 2002 and before. They're at their lowest level of unexpended money. There are a couple of problem projects, which are mostly municipal projects. The board is looking to bring all grants as current as possible and then reallocating unused money. If grants are reduced, we will move around money in other programs to cover necessities. Lewinski said the smaller your grant the larger your administrative costs look. He is surprised at how big this cut could be.

Daniels said the Department of Administration has not had time to analyze what we will do if the grants are cut.

Esler said page two of the handout indicates it is page “3 of 9”. Where are the other pages? Lewinski said this page is an explanation of the formula. Esler asked if HUD has all the criteria? Lewinski said HUD has all kinds of statistics.

Discuss and Consider the Following Appointments:

MOTION: Herro moved, Behrend second, to approve the following appointments en masse.

Appointment 161-A-009: Randy Radish to the Community Development Block Grant Board

Appointment 161-A-010: Keith Hammitt to the Commission on Aging

Appointment 161-A-011: Pamela Meyer to the Eagle Springs Lake Management District

Appointment 161-A-012: Robyn Turtenwald to the Community Development Block Grant Board

Appointment 161-A-013: Michael Knapp to the Community Development Block Grant Board

Appointment 161-A-014: Peter Wolff to the Community Development Block Grant Board

Appointment 161-A-015: Horst Schmidt to the Sheriff Civil Service Commission

Appointment 161-A-016: Leland H. Kreblin as Waukesha County Surveyor

Motion carried 6-0.

Discuss Executive Committee Meeting Starting Times

Dwyer said the committee should contact him to discuss any special needs they may have regarding meeting start times. Herro said would like the meetings to start at 9 a.m. and finish by noon.

Committee Reports by Committee Chairs for the Following Meetings:

May 16, 2006 – Land Use – Mitchell said the committee elected committee officers, approved ordinances and heard divisional overviews.

May 16, 2006 – Personnel – Paulson had no report.

May 17 & 31, 2006 – Finance – Haukohl was not present to report.

June 1, 2006 – Public Works – Herro said the committee heard reports on the airport fixed base operator agreement, status of runway 18/36 reconstruction and year-end financial report for the airport enterprise fund. The committee adopted the airport layout plan, took a tour of Airport facility building and grounds and considered sale of excess right-of-way in Muskego.

Esler said the committee reviewed the capital plan for the East/West runway rehab. Markano estimated the cost to rebuild the runway to be approximately \$1.7 million, which is much less than anticipated. The EMAS proposal by Mead & Hunt turned out not to be feasible so instead runway will be added to the east and west ends of the runway with no additional property. This treatment will extend the useful of the runway until 2025 and not require an entirely new runway to be built.

Esler said the committee authorized sale of excess right-of-way in Muskego on Janesville Road and at a previous meeting authorized a sale of right-of-way on Capital Drive/STH 164. Together the two will generate two-thirds of a million dollars for the general fund.

June 1, 2006 – Health & Human Services – Behrend said the committee heard educational overviews on the Senior Services Department, Child and Family Services and Adolescent and Family Services Divisions.

Legislative Update

Krahn said he would like to bring a draft legislative agenda to the committee in order for them to take a position on issues that affect the county. He also would like to bring in members of our delegation to discuss that agenda.

Krahn reviewed the following bills as outlined in a handout titled "2005 State Legislation": AB 299, AB 509, AB 538, AB 596, AB 620, AB 713, AB 871, AB 969, AB 1137, AB 1022, SB 145, SB 272, SB 132, SB 567,

Update on the May 19, 2006 WCA Meeting

Dwyer and Mitchell attended the meeting in Mosinee. They heard a presentation on Dairyland State Academy at North Central Technical College. Jim Woods of Jim Woods Communications made a presentation on the need to get local government's message out and understood. The WCA board has six to eight new members from different districts. The last election saw a decrease in county board turnover (18% versus 25%) while the turnover of county board chairs increased to 30%.

MOTION: Herro moved, Behrend second, to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie J. Morris
Secretary